

Remarks and Arguments

The applicants' last amendment was objected to for the alleged introduction of new matter via Claims 1 and 19. These claims have been canceled herein, thereby obviating that basis for objection. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 19-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Each of these claims has been canceled herein, thereby obviating this basis for rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22-27 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,984,564 ("Yuen"). Claims 3 and 21 were rejected as being obvious over Yuen in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,366,478 ("Brinkerhoff"), and Claims 12 and 28 were rejected as being obvious over Yuen in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,863,639 ("Kleaveland"). As mentioned above, each of Claims 1-14 and 19-29 has been canceled herein, thereby obviating the bases for each of these prior art rejections.

Claims 15-18 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,723,044. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer referencing the present application and the cited patent, both of which are commonly owned. With the submission of this terminal disclaimer, the double patenting rejection is believed to be overcome. Reconsideration of Claims 15-18 under this ground for rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing amendments, and the accompanying terminal disclaimer, all of the remaining claims either have been allowed or are in condition for allowance. As such, allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested so that the application may be passed to issue. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any

fees due for the filing of this paper to the applicants' attorneys' Deposit Account No. 02-3038.

Respectfully submitted

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